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### Secrecy.

After carefully considering the articles on *Non-secrecy* which appeared in the May number of the KAPPA ALPHA THETA, we cannot feel that the partisans of non-secrecy have proved their case. On the other hand, there is a strong sentiment in favor of the preservation of the present system of secrecy. To express this sentiment and to bring definitely before the fraternity the arguments against such a change as is advocated, is the object of this article.

Briefly in the three articles referred to above, two arguments, a positive and a negative one are urged against secrecy. The first is that secrecy does real harm to the fraternity which professes it, the second that it is useless and accomplishes no good. More definitely the alleged harm which it does is found in the following charges. Secrecy causes us to lose new members who would join were the fraternity non-secret, it prevents the establishment of chapters in institutions which would make most desirable homes for the fraternity, it fosters ill-feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity elements, and it implies low aims and under-hand dealing.

Let us first deal with the definite harm which a fraternity is said to do. The first charge is that on account of the pledge of secrecy, girls who would otherwise join a fraternity remain independent rather than ally themselves with a society which does not reveal its motto and business to the college in general. On this charge, Iota chapter can only quote her



own experience. Kappa Alpha Theta has been established at Cornell University for fifteen years. During that time it has lost no member purely on the ground of secrecy. Girls have been asked to join the fraternity who preferred to stay independent because they considered the fraternity system too narrow in its influence. They said that a fraternity was a very good thing for those who were in it, but that as this number must, from the nature of the case, always be limited and the good thus accomplished be much restricted, they preferred to remain with the greater body of the independents. They did not attribute the evil which they thought they found to the fact that fraternities were secret organizations, but to the fact that, in order to keep up the high standard of a chapter, it was almost always the girls who most needed the benefits of fraternity life who were not asked to share those benefits. They admitted that a fraternity did accomplish a great deal of good, but accomplished it usually among those who needed it least. For this reason they considered the fraternity idea a narrow one and preferred to enter what they deemed a broader field and cast their lot with the non-fraternity element. For these reasons it has been not uncommon for girls at Cornell to remain independent. But the evil which these philanthropic minds object to, which undoubtedly does exist to some extent and from the nature of fraternities must continue to exist, would not be remedied by the adoption of non-secrecy. It is not the element of secrecy which causes us to place the active membership of a chapter somewhere between the numbers fifteen and twenty-five. The intimacy of friendship which constitutes one of the greatest, perhaps the greatest good of fraternity life would be lost in a large chapter. Secrecy would not affect it one way or the other. While a chapter is small its direct influence for good must necessarily affect but a few.

This, of course, is but the experience of Iota chapter. Other chapters may have a different tale to tell. We think though that there must be something radically wrong with the chapter or fraternity which will have its invitation to

membership refused purely on the ground of objection to the so-called secrets. If the character of the members is high enough to make a new girl feel that they are the kind of girls with whom she would like to be closely associated during her college course and whose lives she would like to feel were influencing and moulding hers in so far as one human life can rightly mould and influence another, she will hardly be likely to think that these same girls may be pledged to the keeping of some wrong or foolish secret, or may be bound by secret bonds which she will regret entering into. She will, instead, be likely to feel that their characters are such as she can rely on and that the pledge which they would take cannot be one with which it would be wrong for her to bind her lot to theirs. On this point Iota can speak from experience. Some of our members have said that on account of the secrecy of the organization they hesitated at first, but knowing that the character of the girls who were already members must be a guarantee against what they feared, they joined and were not disappointed in their expectations.

The second point we must admit as a real objection in so far as it goes. The fact that our constitution is secret does debar us from forming chapters in some desirable places, notably the important colleges for women, Wellesley, Vassar, Smith, and Bryn Mawr. While this objection to secrecy is a valid one, we do not think that it is sufficient to warrant us in doing away with the time honored institution of secrecy. As in each chapter the main thing considered is not quantity but quality, so with the fraternity at large, the main consideration should be not so much the extension of the fraternity into every institution which offers an attractive location, as the greatest good, strength and advancement of the chapters which have already been called into existence. The strength of a fraternity rests not upon the length of its chapter roll, but upon the position which individual chapters hold in the colleges in which they exist. If new and good chapters may be created without interfering with the best



interests of the older chapters, then the extension of the fraternity is a good thing, but if the only way in which we can secure admittance to certain colleges where we desire to found chapters is by doing away with some feature of our organization which has proved of benefit, then such extension is not advisable and the ambition which would sacrifice the interests of the old chapters which have made the name of the fraternity for the sake of forming new ones, is to be deplored. And if, as we hope to show, secrecy has been an advantage rather than a disadvantage to the chapters already in existence, there would be no good reason for abandoning it for the sake of obtaining entrance to certain colleges or universities.

The third charge against secrecy is that it fosters ill-feeling between the fraternity and the independent element. We do not think this so. Where ill-feeling between these two elements does exist, it can usually be traced to two causes, a non-social attitude toward fellow Greeks and independents, and the use of methods in rushing or in class or college politics which are not approved by outsiders. Many readers are familiar with the fact that where there are several women's fraternities of varying degrees of excellence, the sentiment of the non-fraternity element among the women will almost invariably give its entire support to one fraternity instead of distributing this support as it might naturally be supposed to do. If the reasons for this unanimity are asked, the answer almost inevitably is, "Oh, the members of such and such a fraternity are never snippy and their methods of rushing are honorable and dignified." The greater or lesser degree of secrecy preserved by each fraternity, or the fact that fraternities are secret bodies, seems to have nothing to do with the formation of this opinion. In fact, it has been noticed that the fraternity which is the most secret, the most careful not to mention before any outsider any word with reference to its interests or business, or the fact that it has secrets, is apt to be much more popular than an organization which allows its members to talk about "us," "our" plans, "our" interest, "our" fraternity, and so forth.

As to the fourth count in the indictment against secrecy, it would seem as if little need be said. If anyone thinks that the fact that fraternities require of their initiates a pledge to secrecy implies that such fraternities have low aims and underhand methods, her idea of fraternity secrets must be very different from the conception of such secrecy which the average independent entertains. No one supposes that a fraternity has discovered some secret of priceless value, or on the other hand that what is so carefully guarded from the knowledge of the uninitiated is of dark or sinister omen. It is usually known, we think, that the secrets of a fraternity are its motto, form of initiation and other simple matters which do not concern anyone except the people concerned. The non-fraternity mind does not usually concern itself about this at all and probably would not were the pledge of secrecy to be removed from fraternities. We do not think that the matter of secrecy either hurts or helps us with any one outside the fraternity. Its benefits are to be found in the effect produced within the fraternity.

We come then to the assertion that secrecy is useless to the fraternity professing it. As that which does no good is commonly supposed to do harm, this statement is equivalent to saying that secrecy is harmful. If it could be proved that secrecy is absolutely useless this might be true. Certainly then there would be no reason to protest against its abolition. But can this be proved?

To begin with a point which is not particularly important, but which nevertheless has weight, the knowledge that a fraternity member has taken a pledge of secrecy, is useful in saving that member from inquisitive or even innocent questioning by those outside the fraternity. Even a professedly non-secret society might not always be willing to have its private business discussed and questioned by outsiders, and perfectly legitimate questions might often be asked a fraternity girl which she might have no good reason for refusing to answer, and yet might be very unwilling to answer. Refusal to answer such questions might be counted as rude.



On the other hand, when a pledge of secrecy is required people are much more careful about the questions which they put to a fraternity member.

A far more important consideration, however, is the fact that it is good training for the new initiate not to be allowed to gossip with every one about fraternity life and fraternity affairs. The new member is generally so pleased with her new experience and advantages that the natural thing for her to do, especially if she is a very young new member, is to talk about it to others, often to those who would themselves have liked to join a fraternity had there been a chance for such action given them. Here the advantage of the pledge for secrecy comes in. Naturally she can not tell outsiders about her initiation or the chapter meetings and thus a habit of not speaking about her fraternity except when some conversation calls for a natural and unobjectionable mention of fraternities or fraternity matter is formed. This habit of reserve is always a valuable one. In the case of fraternities it often saves the feelings of some non-fraternity girl from being wounded by a chance or careless remark which a fraternity member might make were she not mindful of the unwritten law against talking unnecessarily about fraternities and fraternity membership. It causes the fraternity girl to feel a pride in not discussing before those whom it does not concern even unimportant matters of fraternity policy and makes the chapter occupy a more dignified position in the eyes of outside observers. Gossip which is silly if not positively wrong is avoided by the fact that the pledge of secrecy does not leave the fraternity girl at liberty to discuss anything pertaining to her chapter with one not belonging to her fraternity.

The argument, however, which carries the greatest weight with the supporters of secrecy is the matter of sentiment. True sentiment is one of the mightiest things in the world, and exercises a far greater influence than any purely utilitarian consideration. The best and noblest deeds are prompted not by calculation of advantage or disadvantage

but by sentiment under some one of its many different forms. And so in that unique institution, the college fraternity, the fraternity sentiment is one of the most potent factors, and is, we think, added to by the pledge of secrecy. For a college fraternity which has so many different ends and aims has rarely one particular ambition to hold it together. It has not the unity of purpose of a literary or political society or of the College Christian Association. It is not a definite work which draws its bonds so closely together as it is the feeling of fellowship and intimacy, of having something which we could get in no other place or through no other means. The fraternity experience is something we want singled off from the other experiences of our lives, and it is as much for this as for any other reason that we use the pledge of secrecy. We may meet congenial people in other associations, we may have pleasant membership in ordinary non-secret clubs, we may in these latter accomplish more definite work than we ever did in our college chapter. But life in this latter coming at the time when it did come and under its own peculiar circumstances, means something which no mere club membership can ever mean. Therefore make membership in a fraternity distinct from membership in any other organization. If secrecy is the means which best accomplishes this end, and most Greeks will agree that it is, then by all means let us preserve the pledge of secrecy. Without secrecy fraternity relations would undoubtedly still be pleasant, but would they still have the peculiar charm which all recognize and are glad to look back upon when active chapter life is past? Many will answer no. This fact does not seem particularly logical, and perhaps not many arguments could be deduced to support it, but as has been said before, the best things in the world are rarely either utilitarian or logical.

ISADORE GILBERT MUDGE.



**Brown University.**

In the early history of our country the Baptists, feeling the need of a college, since the other institutions were exclusively denominational and regarded them as "disorderly brethen, if not as heretics," passed a resolution to erect one "for the education of youth somewhere in North America." The peculiar settlement of Rhode Island by Roger Williams, "on the plan of perfect toleration in religious belief," made this state desirable. A charter was granted in February 1764 by the people of Rhode Island, who were not displeased with the idea, and Rhode Island College was started at Warren. The first Commencement was held there in September 1769. The following spring, it was moved to Providence, and the corner-stone of the first building, University Hall, was laid. During the Revolutionary war, this was occupied by the American and French troops for barracks and a hospital, while the course of studies was suspended for five years. The first two presidents of the college were pastors of the First Baptist church, which was founded by Roger Williams in 1639. It was resolved that the church should be designed "for the public worship of Almighty God, and also for holding Commencements." The name of Rhode Island College was changed, in 1792, to that of Brown University, in honor of its patron, Nicholas Brown.

At the top of College hill, five minutes walk from the center of the city, the college campus extends over two squares. Venerable elms, tall and drooping, the pride of every student and alumnus, cast a welcome shade in summer, while autumn winds, swaying the branches, grim and gaunt against the sky, scatter the foliage over the broad paths and clothe the earth with a garment of leaves. Going up the hill, the buildings stand out in bold relief, and entering the gate, University Hall is directly in front. On the left, is Manning Hall, built in the Doric style and formerly used as a chapel, and Hope College, the gifts of Nicholas Brown ;





1. Sayles Hall.  
4. Ladd Observatory.

2. Library.  
5. Lyman Gymnasium.

3. President's House.  
6. Chemical Laboratory.



on the right, is Slater Hall and Rhode Island Hall, the biological laboratory. The back campus is open and sunny, with a row of more modern structures facing it. First, to the right, is Wilson Hall, the physical laboratory, back of which is Maxcy Hall and near it Sayles Memorial Hall, at present used for chapel exercises, the walls of which are lined with portraits, in oil, of persons conspicuous in the history of the college and state. Next, is the chemical laboratory and Lyman Gymnasium, overlooking Lincoln Field, the ball-ground where so many victories have been won. Across the street, occupying a corner, constructed in Venetian Gothic architecture, is the University Library, well known for its valuable collection of historical works. Joining this, is the Cabinet of the Rhode Island Historical Society, filled with innumerable colonial relics.

Dr. E. B. Andrews became president in 1889. During his administration the Ladd observatory has been completed, and the work has broadened in many ways. It was through his effort that the Women's College was started in Brown. In September, 1891, one woman was admitted to the class rooms of several of the professors; on October first, the number increased to six. Such has been the phenomenal growth of this undertaking, that in September, 1896, one hundred and fifty-seven women were registered. The building has become too small to accommodate so many active girls. The corporation of Brown has given a piece of ground adjoining the University land, on which a Recitation Hall is being erected after the old English University style of the 15th and 16th centuries.

The religious life at Brown is assisted by a Y. M. C. A. and a Y. W. C. A., under the auspices of which Bible classes have been formed. Each class has its weekly prayer-meeting, and in connection with the regular course in Bible study there is a Biblical Research Club, meeting once a month.

The fraternities do much to promote the social life. There are eleven: Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Beta

Theta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Psi, Theta Delta Chi, Delta Upsilon, Chi Phi, Phi Delta Theta, and Alpha Tau Omega. Some of these support beautiful chapter-houses. Efforts have been made by prominent fraternities to establish chapters at the Women's College, but as yet there are only local societies, Alpha Beta and Tri Kappa. The Glee, and Mandolin and Guitar Clubs contribute greatly to the social activities of the city as well as to the college, in entertainments and by their annual concert given in Sayles Hall every winter term.

There is a keen interest in athletic sports among both men and women. There are gymnasium classes and a Pin Polo Club at the Women's College.

One of the most important features of the student's work at Brown is the literary department in which the women take an active part. There are three publications:—"The Brown Daily Herald," "The Brunonian," a weekly, and "The Brown Magazine," which appears each month.

Brown University has the honor of being the first among the older New England colleges, to open her doors to women. It has been the desire of the friends of Brown to make her a university in reality, and to broaden her influence, giving to the world cultured men and women, that each life may, as Phillips Brooks once said, "correspond to the ideal which God had in mind when he planned it."

IDA EVELYN WAITE, *Brown*, '98.

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### The Sense of Proportion.

The pathway of a college girl is so graciously fixed and certain, she has so definite an objective point, and the character of that objective point is so elevating and its pursuit so absorbing, that as a student she is carried in unconscious safety over many a slippery reef which may prove a peril to the girl out of school. It is trite to say that those who will not learn from others often pay a costly tuition to experience,



but the saying is none the less true. If it were possible for each Theta alumna to impress upon the minds of the active members of the fraternity, just one of the many lessons which she has learned since her school days, if such a thing were possible, the future alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta would be such an enlightened and judicious body of young women as this world has never yet seen. Every woman who has resolutely faced the questions of life has learned that her most wearisome conflicts will be, not with the "principalities and powers" without, but with the negative weakness or private faults which she finds within her own soul.

A wise man of this generation has said that it is a lack of the sense of proportion to which most women owe defeat. This statement is worthy serious and careful consideration. Webster defines the word proportion as "comparative relation." In order to compare or measure any object, one must have some standard with which to compare the object. If the comparison or measurement is to be accurate, therefore, the standard must be perfect. Hence to have a true sense of proportion in regard to the affairs of life, requires that one shall be able to measure every object and principle with which one comes in contact by some standard which is in itself absolute and perfect.

It is easy to see the importance of this sense of proportion, since it lies at the basis of the philosophy of choice, and as has been truly said, it is the choices of an individual which determine his destiny.

The college student, when she has finished her work and received her diploma, holds within her fingers the tangible symbol of an aim which has been reached, an object which has been attained. She has reached her goal, and in reaching it has suddenly been deprived of the objective point, which has not only been a guide for her feet, but has also been the standard of value by which all other things have been measured.

It is not to be wondered at then if in the general mistiness

and uncertainty of objects and purposes, the best disciplined woman often exhibits some indiscretion in her choice. Examples of such indiscretion meet us at every point. The oculists grow rich at the expense of those who have unconsciously rejected unimpaired vision when they chose to spend their time over fine needle work. The specialists offices are crowded with the victims of injudicious dressing, but far worse than any physical ill is the effect produced upon the mind and soul of womanhood by this lack of the sense of proportion.

The mind grows by what it feeds upon, and life and character are but the reflection of the mental existence. How can it be expected that the life of a woman will be sweet, and her character broad and noble when her mind is always filled with things which are trivial and ignoble.

The misdoings of servants, the latest gown, the best recipe for a cake, and the most successful method of keeping the buttons on the children's clothes. Of such a nature is the mental food of a great portion of womankind.

Is it any wonder that they are fretful, fault-finding and inclined to pettiness when their lives are cut into inch pieces by the trivial and harassing nature of their daily occupations? As was stated at the beginning the girl student escapes much of this, as a rule she is broad minded and generous not easily worried over unimportant vexations. If the breakfast is very bad she scolds a little perhaps, but soon forgets it, if she should turn a bottle of ink on her carpet she is not apt to cry over it, she does not spend hours pulling fine threads out of her handkerchief that she may have the pleasure of sewing them in again, and it is more than likely that she regards the world as a very comfortable place and men and women as very decent creatures.

But, it may be urged, the woman in the world as wife, mother or bread winner has far more need than the student to attend to these trivial matters, that it is indeed essential that she should do so, all this is granted, but the difference is not yet explained, and the solution will be found only in



the fact that the student has a conscious noble and absorbing purpose in life, this purpose is the standard by which all things are tested. There may be trivial and vexing things all about her but they do not color her life because her mind is filled with that which is higher. On the other hand the woman out in the world too often has no conscious purpose beyond that of doing the little things which are required of her. Her attention is each day hurried from one insignificant detail to another until she has lost the power of concentration and her life and character depict all too plainly the state of her mind.

It is not given every woman to become an educator, a philanthropist or to deal wholly with great things. But each one may have, indeed it is imperative that she should have, constantly in view the grandest object possible to any human being, namely, character building. She may escape from disagreeable surroundings, she may shun unworthy associates, but from the soul of self as she has been formed by thought, word and deed, she may never hope to escape. The building of a broad sweet and worthy character is the one thing absolutely great.

There are many things worthy our attention. The details of home, life of society, and even of personal adornment, are worthy in themselves, but they sink into insignificance when compared with the one great purpose. Measured by this standard a pan of burnt bread, a soiled gown or even a hole in the best carpet will not be regarded as subjects for tears and wrinkle-making frowns, dust will be allowed on tables and chairs rather than upon the intellect and the alumna who has steadily held in view this object, will not fear to challenge comparison after many years with the most smiling and keen-witted senior.

C. S., *Alpha.*

## Theta Pansies.

The summer wind was sauntering one lazy summer day  
And whispering a songlet as he went his lazy way,  
When he saw a crowd of pansies nodding, dancing in the  
sun,  
And he crossed the little, dimpling brook, to ask about the  
fun.

The little pansy faces were as gay as gay could be,  
And the little pansy voices were athrill and sweet with glee,  
As they answered, "O, Sir Zephyr, see the colors that are  
ours !

Do you know them? Do you wonder we're the happiest of  
flowers?"

The summer wind went wand'ring on, the story all was told,  
For the little pansies, every one, wore Theta's black and  
gold.

M. F. B.

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The Woman's College of Baltimore.

The Woman's College of Baltimore was founded in January, 1885, by the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The college lies in the north-central section of the city, on elevated ground. It is surrounded by beautiful residences and is within walking distance of the country and the picturesque Charles street road, with its old southern mansions and fine estates. Especially for college use, there are seven buildings, and three others for temporary use. The main building, Goucher Hall, was named after its donor, John F. Goucher. This is a huge granite structure, of Romanesque architecture, four stories high. Near by stands Bennet Hall and Bennet Hall Annex, also of granite, and donated by Benjamin Bennet, of Baltimore. The main building is used as a gymnasium and the annex is occupied by the Biological Department. In addition to these buildings there are three homes for students, each affording accommodations for about seventy persons.



Although this college has had only ten years' growth, yet she gives promise of becoming the first woman's college in the United States, for already she ranks with Smith, Vassar and Wellesley. The instruction is excellent; the buildings are new and furnished with every convenience. The gymnasium is large and well furnished. It is in charge of Swedish instructors, and has a large swimming-pool and a bowling-alley connected with it. Each class has a Basket Ball Team, and there is an annual game between the Freshman and Sophomore classes. The seven tennis courts are in use a great deal, since tournaments and contests are frequently arranged.

There are about 300 regular students, not including the specials.

In the homes the girls are under the guidance of a Lady-in-charge, and the home-spirit is cultivated as much as possible. There are teas, receptions, banquets, parties, all of interest to the girls who participate.

Five fraternities have their home in the Woman's College, viz.: Psi of Delta Gamma, founded in May, 1891; Zeta of Alpha Phi, founded in December, 1891; Alpha of Tau Kappa Pi, founded in May, 1892; Zeta of Gamma Phi Beta, founded in November, 1893; Alpha Delta of Kappa Alpha Theta, founded in May, 1896. The Glee and Mandolin Clubs are worthy of mention, and give a yearly concert, always well attended.

The publications are the "Kalends," published every month, and the year book, "Donny-brook Fair."

College spirit is rapidly growing, and each year students are prouder to be connected with the Woman's College of Baltimore and to be loyal to the Blue and Gold.

"Hoopah! Hoopah!

Hoopah Ror!

Woman's College!

Baltimore!"

M. ONNOLEE COUNTRYMAN.

## President's Letter.

It is with great pleasure that I announce in this JOURNAL the organization of two new chapters of K. A. Θ. Alpha Delta, initiated on May 19, 1896, at the Woman's College of Baltimore, will strengthen our active chapter roll, and Delta, at Chicago, Ill., will do as much for the alumnæ. The charter for Delta Alumnæ bears the date Oct. 5, 1896.

Kappa Alpha Theta therefore starts this college year with a new incentive to fraternity zeal in the thought of old sisters rejuvenated, and new ones created by our beautiful ritual and pledge.

For Theta it should be a busy year in the chapter circle. It will be the duty of the JOURNAL to arouse the members both active and alumnæ to a stronger interest in the biennial convention which will meet next fall. It should be the duty of each chapter to prepare itself by unusual diligence in studying the needs of the fraternity.

May I not suggest, too, that each adhere more strictly to the exact usages of parliamentary law in the business sessions and debates of the year? This will serve to inform those of us who are ignorant, and refresh those who are rusty, and altogether, to improve both chapter meetings and national conventions. There is some wisdom in the saying, "Oftentimes, it is not so much what you do, as how you do it that stamps the deed."

The constitutions which have been delayed by overtaxing the Secretary will be in the hands of the chapters immediately. They will bear careful and repeated study.

Very cordially yours,

HARRIET LUCRETIA FUNCK.



## A Letter from the President of Alpha District.

*Dear Sisters in Kappa Alpha Theta :—*

It is always agreeable to announce pleasant events and we are very sure that each chapter will receive with pleasure the announcement of the establishment of our Alpha Delta chapter at the Woman's College of Baltimore.

This new link was added to the chapter chain May fifteenth and we expect and believe that it will prove to be one of our strongest.

The granting of a charter is a circumstance of great importance, both to the fraternity granting and to the girls to whom it is entrusted. Mutual responsibilities are to be assumed. Whether the fraternity will meet the needs of the newly initiated, whether they, in turn, will grasp the ideals and aims of the fraternity at large and work devotedly and faithfully for their attainment, are questions of much moment to both.

We are thoroughly convinced that the eight girls who form this new chapter will give their best efforts to make their chapter one of the best and most satisfactory in every way. Their loyalty and enthusiasm are certainly portents of sure and abundant success. An organized local society for nearly a year, they had already learned to work together, and were already bound by close ties of love and congeniality.

The installment was most enjoyable. It occurred at the home of Miss Mary Lamb from Alpha Beta. The Misses Clark and Williams from the same chapter were present, Miss Johnson from Epsilon and Mrs. Brownell and Miss Brown from Chi. After the initiation a letter of welcome was read from Miss Funck and a message of congratulation from Chi chapter. Dainty refreshments were then served, "general instructions" were given and the time to part came very soon. Our personal meeting with these girls, and those from the other chapters, forms one of our most pleasant memories, and we are sure that we left "an earnest working band" as well as one of the most congenial in the

charter members of Alpha Delta chapter, namely,—Emma F. Weeks, '97, Eva Blake, '97, Maude M. Kingman, '98, Cora M. Gardner, '98, Phoebe Appleyard, '99, Mary E. Sears, '99, Elizabeth Sooy, '99, and Onnolee Countryman, '99.

We also met very pleasantly some members of Tau Kappa Pi, a local society while there. Our new chapter has been cordially welcomed by the sister society several teas being given for them soon after the installment.

I wonder if it has occurred to many of us that it is time to discuss the next convention. The questions must soon be settled—time and place, and it seems proper at this time to suggest the month of August for the meeting for the following reasons:—first, Our chapters are so widely scattered that it enforces the absence of many for a lengthy period, if the convention is held during college months. Our California delegates for instance, have to be absent nearly three weeks, they are wearied by the long journey and must needs keep in mind the work that they will have to make up as soon as they return.

Second, It is always a severe tax on the entertaining chapter. They must either miss the convention sessions or their college work and if they attend the former then the latter must be made up. In addition to this various entertainments must be planned and directed by this chapter, while the visiting delegates are nearly always wearied by a round of social functions which, though pleasant are no part of convention work. The experience of many of the Chi girls last Fall was that so much had to be cared for by them that they could hardly meet the delegates, to say nothing of learning to know them as sisters in Kappa Alpha Theta.

Third, Many alumnæ members are teaching and cannot attend at all as schools are in session at the time and we feel, too, that a larger number of active members would plan to attend if they were not obliged to cut college work. We need the wisdom and counsel of our older members and we count it as one of the greatest objections to holding the



convention while college is in session ; the fact that it debars many of our alumnæ from attending.

A simple obviation of these difficulties seems to suggest itself by holding the convention during the August month. Madison has been mentioned favorably and it would certainly be a delightful location for a summer convention. It could then be looked upon as a pleasure and business trip combined and not as something to which we rush, and away from which we must hasten as speedily as possible.

Another year of work is now beginning and for Alpha District and each chapter of the fraternity we wish prosperity and success.

With love to all sisters, faithfully yours,

MAY ESTELLE BROWN.

## ALUMNÆ DEPARTMENT.

### Beta Alumnæ.

Beta Alumnæ will hold her first meeting October 10, and we have great expectations for a large meeting. We have been widely scattered during the summer but now we are all back again, and we hear that there are quite a good many new sisters in the Twin Cities, all of whose names we do not yet know, but we are expecting that they will join the Alumnæ Chapter and bring with them new zeal and enthusiasm which will greatly help our chapter.

Early in the summer we were very pleasantly entertained by Mrs. E. A. Nickerson at her home in Prospect Park in honor of Gertrude Gibbs, who had returned from Cornell, and Mrs. Kathrina Manson Curran, who was visiting in the city.

We expect this year to do what we might call some extension work. The local chapter and our own have together joined the Woman's Council. Minneapolis is said to be a city of clubs, especially of women's clubs. The Woman's Council is a union of the clubs of the city, having an open monthly parliament and an annual congress, at which different clubs are represented upon the programs. The work of council is carried on through departments, as for example, literature, philanthropy, economics, music, church, etc. We have been placed in the Department of Literature, of which one of our members, Mrs. Marion E. Willet, is the chairman. At the September Parliament we made our first appearance before the council, being represented by our President, Caroline P. Sargent, who spoke upon "Socialism." She received many hearty expressions of praise for the way in which she handled the subject.



Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta are the only Greek letter societies which belong to the council.

We feel a great interest in our local chapter Upsilon, and are glad to learn that she is doing well.

We send our heartiest greetings to all our sister chapters, especially Alumnæ chapters, with many wishes for a profitable and pleasant year.

EMMA KEMP TIMBERLAKE, *U. of M.*, '91.

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#### In Memoriam.

Died, September 12, 1896, in St. Paul, Mrs. Susan Given Patterson, aged forty-one years. How much do we read between the lines! Not only has a charter member of Epsilon Chapter died, but an ideal woman, teacher, friend. These are strong words, but they are true, and I only wish that all Thetas might know such a character, to be inspired as we were by her life and in her death, to live more beautiful, stronger lives.

Mrs. Patterson was a rare combination of strength and sweetness, too strong a personality for people always to see the sweetness at first, until, in later years, sorrow and sickness developed both traits alike. As an all-round woman, her equal is rare. With a bright mind, a college education well used, strong common sense, a winning tact, and a very quick sense of humor, we do not wonder that she was asked to fill many positions, and that at her death she was one of the few women superintendents of public schools, although the duties of her position took from her none of her sweet womanliness, but rather added to her great natural modesty. But it is as a friend that she will be thought of by those not immediately connected with her school life—a friend, strong, true, helpful. She had so many friends, so many who are proud to say they knew her in girlhood, in college, in later years, yet there were a privileged few—and the heart beats

faster as one thinks what a high privilege it was—who loved her more fondly, who knew her more closely, to whom she showed her heart, her soul, more fully, and from whom she called forth the very best of themselves. Ah ! These know so well that her place can never be filled, that out of their lives something is gone, for which their hearts long, and yet can never have again. She was so helpful, I say, she did not shrink from pointing out one's duty, though it might be hard. When one had doubts, difficulties, hard places, she knew what was best. Her beautiful Christian character, her fine faith, her perfect submission in what were unusual trials, fitted her to be the one strong earthly friend so many of us need, and whom it is a rare blessing to have.

This is such a feeble idea of this dear woman who was at once so real and so ideal. She cannot be put into words, yet I wish you might all know what an inspiration to solid work, to thorough attention to details, to endeavor after only the real, enduring, large things of life, she was to her students, her teachers, and those younger friends who looked upon her as one having authority. But she cannot stand before you as she does before us, yet I am glad to give this insufficient tribute to her dear memory, and to wish that the ambition of all of us may be to attain in some small degree, at least, to the wonderful, quiet, beautiful influence which, great during her life, will not fade away as the years go by.

HELEN HOWARD JEFFRIES.

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## UNDERGRADUATE DEPARTMENT.

Novel But Not New.

“ Let the Alumnae write,  
    We have too much to do !”  
The cry comes up from a thousand throats,  
    As each Journal comes out anew.

“ Yes, we have too much to do,  
    There are rushing and swing you know,  
And chapter meeting which always counts,  
    And the spreads where we must go.

Oh, they are an awful bore,  
    These duties are irksome quite ;  
But we couldn't shirk a single one,  
    So we haven't the time to write.

But let the Alumna write,  
    She hasn't a thing to do,  
As for teaching school and earning her bread,  
    I shouldn't mind that, would you ?”     A. T. Y.











## CHAPTER LETTERS.

The date upon which the next chapter letter should be sent out is January 5.

Please write on one side only of the paper, and put the personals on separate sheet headed only by the name of the chapter. Any personal communication to the editor should also be written on a separate sheet.

Please note the way the chapter letters are headed and always arrange them in the same way, putting nothing at the head but the names of the chapter and the university.

### Alpha District.

#### IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

A fortnight ago, Alma Mater, seemingly so indifferent during the long summer months, repented of her severity and, with far-penetrating and most persuasive voice, recalled her exiled sons and daughters where

“Far above Cayuga's waters,  
With her waves of blue  
Stands our noble Alma Mater,  
Glorious to view.”

We Thetas,—all but our beloved seniors, and one of our '98, girls, Louise McCollom, who is teaching,—have cheerfully obeyed her summons, for we are not the least loyal of her children; nor from motives easily discerned perhaps by all our sisters, do we care to tarry during these times that try girl's souls.

Cornell is steadily growing and strengthening, as we learn from the President's Annual Address. Just now she is rejoicing in the prospect of a beautiful new entrance to the campus. Meanwhile it is as great an achievement to enter

the University grounds as to enter the University; and egress from the campus should certainly be crowned with the degree of Master of Arts.

With next year's entering class begins an innovation in the curriculum of our University. The courses now required of each student during the two first years of his college life, are to be entirely supplanted by elective work, and Cornell thus falls in line with the thought and action of the universities of the world. All degrees of the regular courses save that of Bachelor of Arts will be abolished, upon the arrival of the class of 1901.

Meanwhile to the Freshmen of the moment—and of great moment, let us add—life in Ithaca will present its pristine attractions. Nor do they seem excessively concerned with the weighty deliberations of the Faculty or the material aspects of the region. We gladly perceive that the Augustan Age of English Literature appeals forcibly to these twentieth century damsels, and that with Pope, they seem of opinion that "the proper study of mankind is man." Plunged recklessly into the madding whirl of fall term frivolities, they thrive upon such fare as fraternity receptions, and with *Oliver Twist* are clamoring for more. The Sophomore class stands back in amaze and mutters savagely: "This is an unparalleled superfluity of naughtiness!" The fraternities renew their youth like the eagle and stare full at the mid-day sun. Poor "naughty naughts!" What could they do with two receptions and a fraternity play in one short afternoon—feasted upon such delicate attentions as "Rushin' tea," and by one of our "esteemed contemporaries" admonished with astounding inconsistency to "Come early and avoid the Rush."

And just here a word of our own tea will perhaps be in order. We gave it very early,—first this year for variety's sake—and possessed the undivided attention of the entire entering class,—and also of the two representatives from each of our dearest foes. A guest whose persistent and excluding presence was thrust upon us was



Jupiter Pluvius, who benignly annointed our guests with Olympian moisture, yet failed to damp their ardor or our spirits. The reception was given at the home of Jessica Hitchcock, and the adornment of its natural beauty with the beauty of Nature in her gloriously-glowing foliage, made the scene one of charming effect. Our "faculty ladies" gave us the inspiration of their presence in the reception room and to the whole an added grace and dignity. As always, we girls of Iota benefited richly from their continued and heartfelt loyalty.

The active chapter now numbers fifteen members. Our seniors have been what seems to us, as doubtless to all who lose their eldest sisters in Theta, an irremediable loss. Whether any of the Freshmen can (and will) make good the deficiency remains as yet a matter of grave conjecture, whose solution—and the correct one, we trust—will appear in Iota's next message.

The afternoons devoted by Mrs. Comstock to "her girls" continue this year and give us weekly a happy re-union second only to that of our chapter-meetings.

Too late to be mentioned in the last issue of the Journal was the visit of Henrietta Stadtmüller from the Theta chapter, at that most interesting world of the college universe,—Leland Stanford. Miss Stadtmüller's visit was fraught with pleasure and profit, and Iota can only add that, like Barkis, she "is willin'" to welcome and delight in the visits of the Thetas from her sister chapters.

#### LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

As it is less than a week since college opened, it is hard to say just how Lambda stands. We are glad, however, to send greetings to all the chapters and hope that your prospects are as bright as ours.

There are about fifteen girls in the Freshman class with whom we are quickly getting acquainted. We find them very nice girls. We miss our '96 girls very much, but feel

that their absence is somewhat compensated by Anna Clark, ex-'96, who has now entered the class of '98, and Theodora Plumley, who was absent the last half of last year, but has come back to finish her course this year.

If any one should visit us at our "Kat's Cradle" just now she would probably receive rather a cold reception, as no one lives in our chapter house this year, and most of our girls are not versed in the art of building fires. But with a little experience we hope to make it as warm and cosy as in former years.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Mu chapter most humbly begs pardon for being a little tardy with her first letter of the new year, but her excuses are good and she promises to do better in the future.

Although several of our last year's members failed to answer "present," we started out eleven strong, and in the near future we expect to add to our roll-call the elite of the freshman class.

Receptions, teas, luncheons, and the more informal parties have succeeded one another in rapid order ever since college opened, and although we enjoy these gatherings quite as much as our guests are supposed to, yet we begrudge the time and will be glad when the rushing season is over. Next year Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Chi Omega and Kappa Alpha Theta hope to have a contract, for all are convinced that violent rushing is a serious blot on the fraternity system.

Our college this year is in an excellent condition. The classes are crowded and valuable additions have been made to the corps of instructors.

Prof. E. C. Morey is instructor in Latin, Dr. E. L. Rice occupies the new chair of Biology, Dr. D. J. Holmes is the assistant instructor of Greek, and Miss Florence Mann has charge of the Department of French and English of the Preparatory School.

Wishing every Theta a happy and successful year, we are truly your sisters.



## CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

To the sisters scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, Chi sends greeting.

Filled with enthusiasm for Alma Mater and Kappa Alpha Theta, we have started a new college year.

This year we consider ourselves very happy in the possession of a new chapter house, which we entered last May. This house contains room under its broad roof for fourteen of Chi's Theta sisters, and merry, joyous girls these sisters prove to be "when the hours of toil are o'er."

Thus far, however, there has been little leisure among the Chi girls; for although it may seem incredible to some, with us rushing is finished, initiation over, and the initiation banquet held.

On October tenth ten girls became the proud wearers of the Kite, Bertha Davis, Vola Hills, Kathryn Clark, Anice Whitney, Mable Ramsey, Myra Norris, Mable Parker, Annie Bingham, Mary Bramen, and Jennie M. Bingham.

The banquet was held the evening of the same day at the Vanderbilt, when the following toasts were responded to, Miss J. Bertha Kellogg acting as toastmistress:

Kappa Alpha Theta, . . . . .	Florence L. Barney, '97.
The Pansy, . . . . .	Julia L. Hardie Stowell, '99.
The Busy Rush, . . . . .	Edna Emily Congdon, '98.
Unknown Terrors, . . . . .	Mable Van Wagenen Parker, 1900.
Sisters, . . . . .	Lena Lemoyne Hoose, '98.
The Vision of To-Morrow, . . . . .	Jennie M. Bingham.
Our Ideals, . . . . .	Mary Frances Sweet, '96.

We anticipate a most delightful, prosperous year, each girl striving eagerly and joyously to win fresh laurels for Chi—yes, and for Kappa Alpha Theta.

## ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE.

Our college doors opened this fall to receive a Freshman class numbering seventy-six, one of the largest which has ever entered Swarthmore's walls.

The 16th of September found eleven of Alpha Beta's mem-

bers together again, busy talking over the pleasures of the summer and the prospects for the new year.

The vacation days passed very quickly and happily to us all. Again this summer we spent a week together in a farmhouse,—not the one where we had such a merry time last year, for we had explored every nook and corner of the “Racket Lodge” of '95, but a new “Racket Lodge,” (we still found that name very appropriate), a charming country home on the Brandywine.

From the 19th until the 26th of August, many of Alpha Beta's active and alumnae members were together here at dear old Swarthmore. Some of you have no doubt read or heard of the Friends' Conference which met here at that time, and of the inspiring meetings and gatherings which were held in that large tent on our campus. It was a week never to be forgotten by any who were fortunate enough to be present, and we will surely look back with the keenest pleasure to the happy times together in our little Theta tent by the meeting-house woods.

Last May two of our active members went to Baltimore to attend the initiation of Alpha Delta; they were both very much pleased with the girls, and we feel sure our newest chapter will attain a high standing among the other fraternities at the Woman's College.

Alpha Beta sends greetings to all her sister chapters, and hopes they may have a most happy and prosperous year.

#### ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

From Alpha Delta of Kappa Alpha Theta, greetings: Although we are but young, yet it is with the true Theta spirit that we address you.

Last May, at the beautiful home of Edith Lamb of Alpha Beta chapter, we were initiated into the sisterhood of Kappa Alpha Theta. There were present May Brown, President of Alpha District; Mrs. Geo. Brownell, of Chi chapter, and Mary Talbot Clark, Mary Williams, and Edith Lamb, of Alpha Beta chapter.



The initiated were: Mary Maude Kingman, '98, of Des Moines, Iowa; Eva May Blake, '97, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Emma Fowler Weeks, '97, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Cora Lee Gardner, '97, of Peoria, Ill.; Elizabeth Fielder Sooy, '99, of Des Moines, Iowa; Mary Elizabeth Sears, '99, of Lockport, N. Y.; Phoebe Jane Appleyard, '99, of Jamestown, N. Y.; Mary Onnolee Countryman, '99, of Akron, N. Y.

Since entering fraternity life we have tried to cultivate a truly fraternal spirit, and have been proud to wear Kappa Alpha Theta's pin over our hearts, and to be loyal to the black and gold. At this beginning of the new college year, we look forward with great expectations and fully intend to be one of Theta's strongest and most active chapters.

We have had one severe disappointment in the loss through ill-health of our dear sister Elizabeth Sooy. But we hope to welcome her back among us next year.

We feel that great possibilities lie within our reach, and our aim shall be to grow into such womanhood as Kappa Alpha Theta shall be proud to own.

"There's pansies; they're for thoughts," loving, charitable thoughts. To the dear black and gold pansy, and to the high ideals of Kappa Alpha Theta, we strive to be true.

Very much love to all Theta sisters.

#### Beta District.

##### ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Alpha sends greeting to the other chapters and best wishes for the year.

De Pauw has opened the first term with a marked increase in attendance. Enthusiasm is high and her prospects for the future are very bright. There is such a great number of very desirable students that each fraternity can be satisfied without any of that hard feeling which occasionally exists.

We girls are giving a very quiet spike this fall on account of the death of our dear sister, Winona Smythe, which oc-

curred late in the summer. Her zeal and enthusiasm for Theta was unbounded, though she was still uninitiated.

We girls do not favor a hasty spike. Contracts of specified length for the giving of the propositions have been made with one or the other of the college fraternities for several years past. This year, however, neither of the others desiring as long a time as we stipulated—three weeks—we became very independent and drew up a contract simply with ourselves. This makes it hard on both sides, but we think it is best and hope to come off with flying colors. More than half of the time has gone at present and we have lost no one as yet.

We have given several informal receptions and little parties that have been quite successful. One we called a Peanut Party, and it may suggest new ideas for some of the other chapters.

For entertainment we played Progressive Peanuts. There were six tables with peanuts heaped on each, and the girls were provided with candy tongs. The game was like jackstraws, with peanuts for straws and tongs for hooks. It was played as any other progressive game and afforded much amusement. After the prize was awarded peanut sandwiches and chocolate was served and then it was time to go home.

#### BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

The girls of Beta are together again for a new year, and with an unusually large chapter.

A number of girls are back after an absence of a year or two, although some of last year's girls are scattered over the country. Julia Weir and Carolyn Gerrish are in Boston, Urbana Spink in Philadelphia, and Maude Holland in California.

Many of us report Theta gatherings of all kinds at our homes, and places where we have visited, showing us that Theta spirit does not abate during the summer, and does not confine itself to one's own chapter. We had sufficient



proof, however, of this latter fact at the time of Delta chapter's initiation, and also during the visit of the Alpha girls here. We hope that we shall have still more such proofs during this winter.

We are still in quest of our ideal chapter house, and are still hopeful.

Only one week of the term has passed, and we are planning a reception, to be given October 9th, at the home of Mrs. W. P. Rogers, one of our Alumnæ.

The Woman's League of the University, which was organized last year, bids fair to be a power in many directions this winter. The first reception and lecture is announced for October the 10th.

During these four weeks that our spiking contract is in effect, we are divided between suspense over our probable victories and our pleasure in renewing the old friendships and in getting the chapter into working order. It is almost decided now that our next contract with Kappa Kappa Gamma will be for a term instead of for four weeks each term.

In our January letter we hope to introduce to you, as new Thetas, a number of fine girls who have entered the University this fall.

#### DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

At this the opening of another school year, Delta sends her heartiest greetings once again. There are but nine of us back at the old U. of I., but we hope and feel very confident that our number will be increased by the addition of some fine girls soon after Thanksgiving. We have a contract with Pi Beta Phi not to pledge any new girls until that time; but I can assure you that we are most zealously watching over the ones we have chosen to be future Thetas. We are very glad to have Miss Browder, formerly of Alpha, with us this year.

The University of Illinois sustained quite a serious loss in

the burning of its chemical laboratory in August, and it was feared that it would affect the attendance, but the number of students is on the contrary increased, and they are more loyal and enthusiastic than ever. The laboratory has been temporarily re-modelled and is now ready for use again.

Our new Library building is progressing finely, and when finished will be very imposing and perhaps the most beautiful building on the grounds. It will be dedicated next June.

This term promises to be quite a gay one. There have been already a number of fraternity receptions and many more are being planned. The first Students' Assembly is to occur next Saturday night. This is always looked forward to and enjoyed by all the students. It is the one place where they one and all meet in a social way, and the broad college spirit pervades the whole.

The girls of Alethenai Society are to give a lawn fete soon, in the girls' field. The chief attractions will be basket ball and tennis, and so we are all industriously putting in our spare time practicing for these games. One of our girls has won quite a reputation as a tennis player.

We hope to tell about some initiations in our next letter and close, wishing all our Theta sisters the best of success.

#### EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

What a pleasure it is to greet you again, and to tell you that Epsilon Chapter has unusually bright prospects.

Many of us are cozily established in the new "Dorm," whose attractions have added many desirable girls to college circles.

Kappa Alpha Theta having co-operated with Kappa Kappa Gamma in delaying the bidding, has, as yet, no new sisters to introduce to you, however, we are quite confident of winning the prizes of this school year.

We are proud to introduce to you Irene Flatterly and Florence Durstine, who joined the mysterious ranks of K. A. Θ. last commencement week, after a long and exciting contest between the two fraternities.



On Tuesday evening, June 9, one of our fairest and brightest sisters was married to Rev. W. Reed Newell, of Chicago, both graduates of the class of '91. About one hundred guests witnessed the ceremony, which was beautiful and impressive.

The prevailing colors, green and white, were found in every nook and corner. The staircase was covered with green, piano and every mantle was banked with ferns and daisies, over windows and doors gracefully hung boughs of silver maple; long daisy chains marked off the apartment where the ceremony was performed, promptly at seven these chains were broken and the bridal party entered. Preceding the bride came two little flower girls and the maid of honor, K. A. ©.'s Grand President, Miss Harriet Funck. After an invocation by Dr. Work, Rev. Newell, father of the groom, performed the ceremony.

After congratulations the bridal party and guests repaired to the dining-room, where elegant refreshments were served. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Newell left for an extended eastern trip. Mellicent was singularly gifted and helpful, and her sisters in Epsilon will ever remember her as a loving and kind sister. The month of June never beheld a truer or more loveable bride than this one in her dainty wedding gown of white.

On September 28th Theta entertained thirty of her girl friends at the cozy home of Mrs. Woodworth.

Our guests came early and we had a merry time chatting together and meeting the "new girls."

Later in the evening dainty refreshments of sandwiches, vanity puffs, chocolate, olives, ice cream and cake were served. Then dancing was indulged in until a late hour. Only the memory of this pleasant time kept the guests from feeling that all too soon had come the hour for departure. Mrs. Woodworth as a typical Theta mother proved herself a most charming hostess.

With best wishes for success to all Thetas,

## ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Eta's members returned to college full of enthusiasm for work and rushing, which has resulted in three fine freshmen putting on the black and gold. We are very proud of our freshmen, they are Jeanette Blanchard, of Minonk, Ill., Louise Gibbes, of Detroit, Mich., and Editha Dann, of Columbus, Ohio.

We have a house this year, seven of the girls are living in it and it is the meeting place for all the rest. It has been a great comfort and convenience to us already, and we appreciate it all the more because we were without last year.

Edith Rice, of Omega, is with us this year. She is a splendid girl and an addition to our chapter. Katherine Johnson, of Upsilon, is studying medicine here and we are fortunate enough to have her at the house occasionally.

Dr. Eliza Mosher, Dean of the Woman's Department, entered upon her work last week. The college girls expect to derive great benefit from having such a woman among them.

Eta hopes that the college year has begun as happily for all Thetas as it has for her.

## KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

If you could only be with us this Indian summer weather and rest your eyes with the long stretches of hills, soft green changing in the distance to blue that merges into the vivid beauty of the clear sky, or watch the loitering autumn mists dissolve slowly from the valley while "our city on a hill" stands bravely out, strong in the bright sunshine; and then if you could see our ten "kittens", so proud of their new dignity and earnest in their endeavor to be worthy of wearing the black and the gold, you would understand the happy smiles that flash from Theta to Theta when we meet.

And if the above seems to be an unusually and unnaturally long sentence you must understand that we have so much to be thankful for that it leads to length of expression.

Of our last year's graduates, Louise Towne, whom you



met at convention, is with us again, studying for a Master's degree; Grace Poff, initiate of 1892, is also in the active roll once more. There is nothing can strengthen and unify a chapter like the presence of girls older in fraternity life and in experience of smoothing over the little jars that fret our souls in every close association—even though it be a fraternity. Therefore, for our older girls are we thankful.

Of our "kittens"—can't you see the glow of pride that spreads over our faces at the very mention of them?—two were pledged last fall under the condition of a year's novitiate. One put on the colors in the spring. While our this year's harvest can say, "we are seven". I could tell you how one "frat" wanted this one and another that, how both fraternities rushed this other one and so on. But we are trying to "vaunt not ourselves and be not puffed up," so that I will skip all that, much as I should like to tell it, and speak only in the plural of our dear little pledglings. Will you accuse me of repeating a stock phrase if I say that they are the finest girls of the entering class? To be sure, that does sound a little old and worn by constant use, but we are so proud of them, dear sisters! We would like to say something quite original if it were possible, but does not it seem as though all the nice things about the kittens have been used up? For my part I am anxiously waiting for the other chapter letters to find what those writers have said and, of course, to wonder why I didn't think of that. Oh, for some Madame de Sévigné in chapter letters to arise and lead us into the way we should go, say I! (And no doubt the editor will most earnestly echo my plaint.)

But I hope in spite of short comings I shall succeed in giving you a true impression of our chapter and girls. We are not entirely butterflies, though there is always a good sprinkling of our girls at all social happenings, and sometimes, I will whisper, we make a majority. Neither are we all grubs, though we are great frequenters of the library and Phi Beta Kappas are not uncommon. Indeed, Anne Wilder, one of our 1893 graduates was, just last spring, made a member of Phi Beta Kappa, for original research.

Would you like to hear of our fall gayeties? It is always rather giddy here for the first of the school year, and we, you may be sure, have held up our end as high as anyone's. Besides several pleasant gatherings to meet and get better acquainted with the new girls we have had one or two more elaborate affairs that are deserving, we think, of "honorable mention."

The first was a house party at the home of one of the town girls. Picture to yourselves a low, rambling, many-gabled building, just the place for the jolliest times possible, fill it to over-flowing with girls—Theta girls, too—and then imagine, if you can, the hilarity that reigned supreme from seven o'clock one night till about twelve the next day. At our breakfast, which was, as the newspapers say, "an elegant repast," we found our places by means of cards tied with black and yellow ribbons where above each name capered a life-like picture of our Theta cat, with streaming colors around its neck.

At another time when one of our married Thetas entertained us, cards, tied, of course, with the fraternity colors, were distributed, on which a subject was given for a "poem" to be written. Such racking of brains for fugitive rhymes as ensued; such shrieks of delight as troublesome metre suddenly worked out well, and when all was done such clever verses as were the results!

But now most of the gayety is over and we are settling down to earnest work in University and Fraternity life, with bright prospects for a happy and useful year.

Greetings to all, and may joy go with you.

MU—HANOVER COLLEGE.

After a most delightful vacation, we are all glad to get together once more.

A most pleasing picture, in the shape of the new Science Hall, greeted the eyes of the returning student. The building has a beautiful foundation of limestone, and the rest is



composed of selected brick. The ornamentation is in terra-cotta and the trimmings of Bedford stone ; it is three stories high with a museum on top floor ; there is also a capacious basement which will have four furnace rooms. The building will be furnished with gas and water. There are library and reading rooms, laboratories for the different departments and a president's reception room besides many others too numerous to mention. We are told it has no superior in the state which we are quite willing to believe. Possibly we boast too much, but even the workmen are proud of it.

We are just entering on the enjoyment of our new Gymnasium which is quite a useful and pleasant addition to the College.

Two of last year's graduates are yet with us, one of them, Margaret McCoy is teaching in the College and at the same time taking a post graduate course. We are proud of our girls they succeed so well ; two more have good positions as teachers.

We had an unexpectedly large attendance of new students at the College opening. But alas for the Thetas most of the new girls are "preps." However they are quite promising "preps" and we will not have to wait long.

We have been "making up our minds" as to "spike" and since they are almost made we will soon begin that fascinating occupation in earnest.

With best wishes to all the sisters.

#### PI—ALBION COLLEGE.

Again, at the beginning of a new college year, Pi sends greetings to all Thetas.

The year opens at Albion with an unusually large number of new students, among whom are many lovely girls. As usual, however, Pi will have none but the best and is, therefore, slow in making her choice. Our active chapter now numbers but eight girls, and we would rather close the year with the same number than admit one who would not do honor to our beloved K. A. Θ.

In looking back over the time since the publication of our last journal, many pleasant remembrances come to our minds, but the occasion which brings the most pleasant memories and which will be longest remembered by Pi, is our reunion held during last Commencement week. All the spring we had been planning for the event, but the consummation of our plans exceeded our fondest hopes. Twenty-two of our alumnæ found their way again to old Albion and joined heartily with the active chapter in crowding all the fun possible into the hours spent together.

During the afternoon preceding the banquet a new Page was added to Pi's history, Lotta Page, one of our pledged girls, being initiated at that time.

Our banquet was held at the home of one of our resident members, Mrs. Rose Kernan. After the supper and toasts, all formality was put aside, and gathering about the piano we sang the songs of our dear fraternity until the wee small hours.

The next day an enthusiastic business meeting was held. Plans for a lodge were discussed, and our alumnæ members encouraged us very much by their interest and helpful suggestions. We had hoped that this fall would see our lodge completed, but in this we were disappointed. However, we are determined before another year shall pass that Pi's "Kat's Kradle" shall assume the form of our long-hoped-for lodge.

Rebekah Striker, '99, was also added to our number during last spring term, and has proved herself a loyal Theta, indeed.

With best wishes to all sister chapters.

RHO—NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

From the home of the "Boy Orator" Rho sends greetings. Her prospects for '97 are bright, and we feel confident that the year will be marked as an epoch of renewed life for our chapter.

Only one of our old girls has left us. Mrs. Prof. Ansley



(Anne Childs) having gone on a year's vacation with her husband to her old home in Illinois. We hope, however, to have her with us again next Fall.

Two Thetas from Eastern chapters have come to swell our ranks. Mrs. Colburn of Mu; also Miss Johnson of Alpha who is instructor in mathematics.

We are greatly pleased to have with us at present Miss Eleanor Williams of Chicago, who was pledged to Rho in '92, but was obliged to leave the University on account of her health. We anticipate the pleasure of revealing to her the secrets of Kappa Alpha Theta, and piloting her safely through an introduction to our ancient black and yellow Billy. To be pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta is one honor, but to receive a warm Theta grip and wear the pin with the guiding twin stars—is a far greater.

The local alumnæ are in very close touch with the chapter. Such a spirit is most gratifying, and is being encouraged as it should be, in every way. Two of them have very cozy homes of their own in the city, where the Kappa Alpha Thetas are always welcome, and we boast a baby Theta of surprising loyalty. We are well represented in our High School where Miss Long is at the head of the department of mathematics; Miss Dena Loomis is also an instructor.

Our "rushing season" has but just begun; for unlike Iota we "live in a rushed and rushing atmosphere," and while the material for ideal Thetas is scarce this year, we hope for a favorable report later.

#### TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Tau wears a smiling countenance now for Miss Irene Edna Parkes, the "pick of the lot" has put on the black and gold.

We are still busy with "spreads," teas, etc., for "rushing" season is not yet over here.

I am sure every Theta sister will be pleased to know that *Tau* is not lacking in honors, two of our girls who were

graduated last June—Miss Nellie Fleshiem and Miss Beulah Merville were elected to *Phi Beta Kappa*.

In athletics, too, *Tau* has nobly done her part as Miss Lida Scott, this summer, carried off tennis honors in all tournaments of the surrounding country.

With this *Tau* sends the hope that you all may be, as she ever is—happy and successful.

#### UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

After a delightful summer, two weeks of which we spent most pleasantly in camp at Spring Beach, Lake Calhoun, we returned to college life with new vigor. We also held two happy reunions—one at Grayce Rector's and the other at Beth Fisher's home.

Upsilon has entered this year with the brightest of prospects. We have been aiming entirely at quality—not quantity.

On September 18th we admitted to our "Mystic Circle" Miss Viola Kipp of St. Paul, and the Misses Ann Goodsill and Sophia Williams of Minneapolis. On the 21st we gave an elaborate luncheon in honor of our initiates, at the home of Beth Fisher, in Oak Lake Park.

We feel confident that our Freshmen will keep up their Theta standard. We recently pledged Miss Carrie Elton of Owatonna. All but two of the eight girls we initiated last year have returned—Miss Georgia Everest, of Duluth, and Miss Caroline Tomlinson, of Le Seur. We hope to have them both with us next year. We now have an active chapter of sixteen. One of our pledglings, Miss Minerva Fisher, has gone to the Mankato Normal and so we are deprived of the pleasure of initiating a charming girl; but we hope that the pleasure is only postponed for a year.

One of our worthy Seniors, Miss Helen Woodman, has recently acquired two honors, being elected secretary of her class, and also elected to the honorary society of *Phi Beta Kappa*.

There is a large, handsome building just completed on the



campus, which is to be used as an armory and also for balls. October 22 there is to be a large ball there to open the building, and the proceeds are to be expended in fitting up the building.

The Alpha Phis are to hold their Convention here the 21st, 22d and 23d of October, and the Epsilon Chapter is busy preparing for them.

With best wishes for the year before you.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Psi has at last gathered her girls together for the winter's work. Our present chapter is small, as three of the old girls did not return. The six who are left make up in zeal what they lack in numbers.

We have been hard at work rushing for the past two weeks, and are still at it. We have initiated none of the Freshmen yet, but expect to do so soon. We have put the pledge pins on but four of the girls as yet—Eoleen and Winifred Smith and Mary and Florence Bump, who will make four of the brightest Thetas ever initiated. Three or four more have given us their individual answers, and are waiting only for their parents' consent to pledge.

We have given the usual number of small rushing parties at the lodge. We are fortunate enough to have the frat. house again this year, and are quite distinguished as being the only society here with a chapter house. Four of the girls are at the lodge, and we are saving rooms there for several of the freshmen.

The school year has opened with every prospect of being the brightest year in Psi's history.

We had a delightful surprise shortly after college opened. Martha James, '96, walked into the house one afternoon and announced that she had come to stay a year. She was graduated from the school of pharmacy, and, on account of her extra work, has received a fellowship. We are very proud of our "fossil."

With much love to all Thetas.

## ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Perhaps the Journal is not in the habit of publishing letters from exiles, but that is what it is doing if mine appears. Not a real Siberian one, but Alpha Gamma's secretary is separated from her circle of Kats and Kittens by a hundred miles, and to this lamentable fact you must attribute all traces of long-range information.

Truly, it is hard to realize that summer plays and pranks are over; yet the flaming maples and falling leaves announce it in an unmistakable way, and we know that our forces must rally and campaigns be laid out if we are to win the battles which confront us in fraternity fields.

I think a good bugler at O. S. U. could call ten together this fall besides our two pledges who are as full of enthusiasm as charter members. Certainly we can afford to be very sanguine as to results with such a start. After all it is earnestness and united interest which counts more than number, and that is what Alpha Gamma possesses in a large degree. The past year has been truly a successful one, and we have reason to be proud indeed of the place which our chapter holds among the societies at the University.

President Canfield accomplished much in the first year of his reign toward making our college felt at home and throughout the state, and his wonderful capacity of drawing people to him will be appreciated by the increased attendance this fall.

There were a thousand students enrolled in '95-'96, and I heard a Professor say the other day that it would be doubled in a very few years. Can you not see, dear Thetas, with such opportunities what a power we are likely to become? Believe me, as the power and scope of this University broaden we shall not let Alpha Gamma fall behind, but she shall continue to expand and grow in like proportion.

But I am talking O. S. U. and you are not getting an idea of what the girls are doing.

Well, two of them have done a very naughty thing.



Perhaps we may attribute it to that delightful glimpse we had of a married Theta's home when we were entertained at Professor De Vol's in Delaware last winter. For two of our girls have become engaged, or better, consented to make two men happy. Esther Stafford, one of the original eight, has announced her engagement to Mr. Joseph Russell Taylor, and we are particularly pleased over it since Mr. Taylor is one of the Faculty, and has always been thoroughly popular with every one at college. And Martha Fisher, one of our '99 girls, seems to think she can make a good Theta of Mr. Mark Griffin without making him unloyal to the Red and Blue of Chi Phi. We are willing for her to try, the only condition being that she must not advise our other Freshmen to follow her example. We can't afford to lose so many of our girls. And yet another, whom many of you will remember as our last delegate to the convention, Clara Luse, will one day wed the son of our former President, Mr. Herbert Scott, now attending the Yale Divinity School.

But some of us have been busy in other ways. One pledge, which we secured after commencement, Helen Powell, gave us good cause to rejoice. She is not only a fine Theta, or will be, but she has been rushed the past two years by K. K. Γ., and it means an unusually victorious feat to win her now.

The original eight charter girls were so glad to find themselves all together again that they celebrated in July with a little picnic at Minnetonka Lake. They had a happy time, but we of younger years (in the frat.) made them confess that it was rather lonely without the rest of us.

However, the girls had a spread a week ago at which no one could have been lonely if she had tried. Lois Dann opened her lovely home for them and twenty-three sat down to feast and toast the black and gold. Charter, alumnae, active and pledges, besides two visitors. It was a gay affair and every one tried to forget that two of the girls were to leave next day to be out of Theta's circle a year—Josephine Barnaby and Edith Bell.

And so the year opens for Alpha Gamma at O. S. U. An active, earnest chapter of active, earnest girls, who only ask that all of you may have as bright a year as seems now in store for them.

#### Gamma District.

PHI—LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY.

Everyone at Stanford seems happy this year and especially we of Phi, but how can we help it with such glorious sunshine all around us. The University has opened this year with a large Freshman class, and brighter prospects than ever before. No clouds darkened the horizon this summer, and we see none rising. Then too, Phi has seventeen girls back again who are all enthusiastic to work for Theta—especially when they realize that we shall lose seven girls this year.

We are delighted to welcome among us Dorothea Roth from Eta who expects to remain with us two years. We are fortunate too in having her with us in the house. Our chapter house is nearly full and the girls enjoy it more than ever. We were all very sorry to lose Mrs. Edwards, our dear "little mother," who is obliged to go back to Indianapolis, but we are very fortunate in having a tactful, helpful and loving woman in Miss Mary K. Maxwell of Oakland.

The Thetas who met Winifred Caldwell at the last convention will be interested in hearing of her marriage to Mr. Clarke Whittier who graduated here in 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Whittier have returned for Post Graduate work this fall so we have the pleasure of having Winifred among us again.

We have given up our regular monthly "at homes" this year to try another plan. We intend to entertain a few of our friends every month in some pleasant way, and perhaps give one or two large parties. If they are all as seemingly delightful as our little card-party last week, we think our plan will be successful.



Football is the topic one hears discussed on all sides now, and we wonder what will be the outcome of our Thanksgiving game with the University of California. Many of you are probably in the same delightful state of uncertainty in regard to other games—we wish you all could win.

We hope that all Thetas are as happy and are surrounded by as glorious sunshine as we are, and we wish from our hearts that the sunshine may continue throughout a long and prosperous year.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Another college year has rolled around and we begin to realize how soon our college life will be over. The younger girls are taking our places in the Fraternity and our new members from the class of 1900 will soon be among us. College opened the middle of August and we all came back eager for work, but especially eager for promoting the welfare of K. A. @. in securing strong and helpful freshmen. The greatest difficulty of this term's rushing season has been in becoming acquainted with the incoming class. Out of one hundred and eighty-five girls, it has been impossible for us to have more than a mere acquaintance with most of them, many of whom, if known better, might make good Thetas.

Realizing this Omega has been slow in making up her mind and as yet has only two from the class of 1900 pledged to her. In order that we might partially remove this difficulty we have held a series of afternoon teas, and on the evening of September 8th an informal "spread" was given to some of the freshmen girls. For this last occasion our chapter house was prettily decorated. The girls worked hard and their efforts were fully rewarded. Everything went off splendidly and the affair was a success both socially and in the purpose for which it was given. We knew the girls better and had seen glimpses of their characters which we otherwise could not have secured.

Our entire chapter is unusually small this year. Only

two members 'graduated in '96, but besides these we have lost several others—Maud Sutton, '97, Beatrice Fox, '98. and Elsie Burr, '99, for a year, and one other sister whom we fear will not return to Omega. When college closed last spring she expected to be with us this year at the chapter house, but since then her plans have been changed and she is to complete her course at Ann Arbor. Our loss will be Eta's gain, and we congratulate her, but I fear we envy her, too, for in Edith Rice she will secure a girl who will strengthen and influence for good the chapter to which she belongs.

How pleasant it is to have some of the *alumnæ* back? Omega has realized this more than ever this year for several of her older members have been taking graduate work. They form a connecting link between the active chapter and those of the *alumnæ* who are prevented from meeting and associating with the girls who are now in college.

Omega sends best wishes for the welfare of the chapter of  
K. A. Θ.



## PERSONALS.

### ALPHA.

Miss Emma Rippetoe, '97, is teaching at Delphi this year.

Miss Bertha E. Reed, '99, of Connersville, cannot be with us this winter, to our great regret.

Miss Elizabeth Rippetoe, '98, has taken charge of a large primary department at Anderson.

Miss Genevieve Williams, '99, has accepted the position of assistant principal in the Huntingburg High School.

Married, Wednesday morning, November 25, at 11 o'clock, in Meridian Street Church, Indianapolis, Miss Mary Grace Smith, '94, to Mr. Henry Hallam Hornbrook.

Miss Elsie Applegate, of Indianapolis, and Miss Caroline Rives, of Paris, Ill., both members of the class of '96, are with us at present and are of the greatest assistance in the strike.

Miss Ada Campbell, '96, of South Bend, has been compelled to resign for a short time her position as assistant in the science department in the South Bend High School on account of ill-health.

Miss Hattie Mary Tutewiler, '97, of Indianapolis, entertained a house party of her fraternity sisters during the first week in August. Among the guests were Miss Josephine Cartwright, '98, of Delphi; Miss Bertha E. Reed, '99, of Connersville; Miss Ethel Arnold, '97; Miss Francis Arnold, '99, and Miss Edith Morris, '97, of Greencastle.

Miss Mary C. Ritter, '97, entertained the guests at a porch party and a luncheon. Several other Indianapolis Thetas, and Theta friends also contributed to their enjoyment.

### BETA.

Georgia Byer Bagot, '92, is now living in Anderson.

Charlotte Malott, '94, is instructor in Latin and French in the Vincennes Normal University.

Mrs. Lucie Howe Frazier, Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Minnie Howe Hunter, El Paso, Texas, have been the guests of relatives in Bloomington.

Florence Myrick is teaching in Richmond, Daisy Miller in Bloomington, Gertrude McCleery and Katherine Evans in Anderson, and Stella Peede in Indianapolis.

Sophia Sheeks, '88, assistant librarian of the University, and Mr. Richard Maxwell, of Bloomington, were married at the home of the bride's mother in Bloomington, during the summer vacation.

Of our graduates of '96, Helene Slack is teaching in Huntington, Ind.; Carolyn Gerrish is studying for her M.A. degree at Radcliffe, and Urbana Spink is attending a medical college in Philadelphia.

#### DELTA.

Miss Reba Wharton is teaching this year at her home in Payson.

Miss Blanche Herrick cannot be with us this year on account of ill-health.

Miss Bertha Pillsbury, '95, is at Radcliffe. She expects to remain two years and will make Latin a specialty.

#### EPSILON.

The marriage of Helen Jeffries to Joseph Angel is to take place in Oct.

Married : Ada Jameson of Apple Creek, Ohio, to Rev. G. G. Burns.

Married : Edna Kauke Pierce to Rev. A. C. Omroid, at Michigan City, Ind., Sept. 9th. At Home, Chariton, Iowa, after Oct. 1st.

#### IOTA.

Maude Reamer, '96, is in the office of the leading Buffalo architect.

Vena Fenno from chapter Mu, and Ada Parker, from Chi, are with us again this year, studying for advanced degrees.



Jessica Marshall, of Chi chapter, is also making her presence at Cornell most welcome to our chapter.

Louise McCollom, ex-'98, has left Cornell, to accept a position as assistant to Harriet Stone, '95, in Wethersfield, Conn.

Bertha Marx, ex-'97, will be with us this week to remain until her graduation in '98. Miss Marx has been traveling and studying abroad during the last year.

Margaret Boynton, '95, who was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in '94, and to Sigma Xi in '95, has taken this year's Scholarship in Botany, and is among us once again.

Gertrude Gibbs from Upsilon chapter who was with us last year while studying for a Doctor's degree in Science, is principal of the High School in Jamestown, North Dakota.

Agnes White, '96 is teaching in Elmira College, Mary Cummings, '95, who filled the same position last year having resigned to accept an offer from Mary Institute, St. Louis.

#### LAMBDA.

Ruth Norton is teaching in Bristol.

Elizabeth Norton, '96, is attending the Albany Library School.

Florence J. May, '96, is teaching at White River Junction, Vt.

Minnie Hurley, '97, is unable to return to college on account of poor health.

#### RHO.

Miss Lisbeth Bonnell of Chicago, made us a pleasant visit in October.

Miss Bessie Tuttle, our little Rho artist, has a studio in Missouri this year, and is meeting with merited success.

Miss Katherine Weston is at her home in Beatrice, Nebraska, and makes us fleeting calls to encourage us, and show her loyalty.

## UPSILON.

Miss Mary Felton, '95, has obtained a position in the High School at Two Harbors, Wisconsin.

Miss Elizabeth Fisher, '95, and Miss Jane Pomeroy, '98, are attending the Mankato Normal this fall.

The engagement is just announced of Miss Harriet Jackson, '94, to Mr. Edward P. Burch, Phi Gamma Delta, '92.

One of our girls, Miss Hattie Felton of the class of '95, was married in June to Mr. Harry Colwell, Phi Kappa Psi, also of '95.

Miss Harriet Steele of Upsilon is teaching in the Central High School here and Miss Cirkler of Psi is teaching in the East Side High School.

We take great pleasure in announcing the engagement of Miss Zoe Hotchkiss, '98, to Mr. Henri Duval. The wedding will take place next spring.

We are glad to have Miss Sophie Pendergast with us this year. She has been teaching in the English Department of the Mankato Normal, and obtained a leave of absence for a year in order to attend the University.

## CHI.

Sila Davis visited at the chapter house during the opening week of college.

Daisy Day, one of our charter members, was back to the initiation banquet.

Jessie M. Mains, '96, is spending the year at her home in Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Mrs. Fred Rich, *née* Yoran, spent some days with us in the latter part of September.

Eva L. Miller, a teacher in Pulaski Union school, visited her '97 classmates last week.

The Phi Beta Kappa Key was conferred last June upon one of our graduates, Miss Lora O. Snider.

Gertrude Burlingham, '96, has accepted the position of perceptress in Ovid Union school, Ovid, N. Y.



Lora O. Snider, '96, goes November first to take the position of secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at Toledo, O.

## PSI.

Grace Loomis, '98, is teaching at La Crosse, Wis.

Belle Dirimple, '99, will remain at home this year.

Helen Kellogg, '94, has entertained the girls of the chapter and the rushers.

Mary L. Carleton, '96, is teaching in the High school at De Forest, Wis.

Adele Szold, '99, was prevented from returning by the illness of her father.

## OMEGA.

Lou Whipple, '96, is teaching in the High school at Pomona, Cal.

Grace Johnson of Lambda, is taking graduate work here this year and is boarding at the chapter house.

Among the alumnæ who have secured positions as teachers are Grace Sutton, '95, at San Bernardino, and Grace de Fremery at Healdsburg.

## ALPHA GAMMA.

Grace Vance spent the vacation near Mt. Vernon.

Clara Luse enters college again this fall and will graduate with '97.

Belle Pugh visited Tella Axline while she was in camp at Cleveland this summer.

Lois Dann, who has been at Oberlin two years, joins her sisters here again for college work.

Grace Eagleson visited Austa Kelly at her old home in Mt. Giliad for two weeks this summer.

Lois Dann and Grace Eagleson were the guests of Ruth Ford on a lake trip to Marquette in July.

Austa Kelly, Martha Fisher and Florence Bell, three '99s, will not return at the opening of the fall term.

The engagement of Martha Fisher, '99, to Mr. Mark Harris Griffin, '97, of Toledo, was announced in July.

Annis McLaughlin entertained Edith Larkins at her old home in Clarksville, N. Y., several weeks this summer.

Esther Stafford one of the charter eight, announced to her fraternity sisters her engagement in August, to Mr. Joseph Russell Taylor, assistant in English at our university.

Josephine Barnaby accepted a position to teach in the St. Paul schools and entered upon her duties there the middle of September. Edith Bell, '94, also is teaching there.

BETA ALUMNÆ.

'94. Ruth Huntoon Slater has her home at Hudson, Wis.

'93. L. Grace Walther Davies is living at the Hotel Plaze, Oak Park, Ill.

'94. Jessie A. Bradford is teaching in the High School at Wadena, Minn.

'96. Elsie Gibbs will teach in the High School at Madison, Wis., this year.

'92. Anna L. Guthrie will again be in the Library of the University this year.

'95. Elizabeth Fisher will be at the Mankato (Minn.) Normal School this year.

'94. Alice C. Pabodie is teaching in the High School at her home in Baraboo, Wis.

'91. Mr. and Mrs. Byron H. Timberlake celebrated their wooden wedding on June 9.

Winnifred Sercombe, of Madison, Wis., is teaching in the East Side High School of Minneapolis.

Ex-'94. Mrs. Halsey Wilson taught in the summer school. She will not return to the "U." this year.

'93. Helen Tombs Stockwell made a short visit to Minneapolis during the summer. Her home is in Grafton, N. D.

'96. Hattie Felton and Harry Colwell, U. of W., were married in June. They will make their home in Minneapolis.

'93. Gertrude Bell Burton and Dr. Burton visited their



parents in Minneapolis this summer. They have returned to their home in Elmore, Minn.

The engagement of Miss Caroline P. Sargent, Alpha Beta, '94, to Mr. William E. Walter, Swarthmore, '92, is announced. Mr. Walter is a Phi Kappa Psi.

Jessie Smith Huntington and her husband spent part of the summer at Lake Minnetonka, often coming to Minneapolis to visit old friends. Their home is in Ellsworth, Minn.

'93. Kathrina Manson Curran visited her old home in this city during the summer. She has returned to her home at Worthington, Minn., where her husband is a practicing physician.

'90. Catherine Comfort will substitute in the Minneapolis schools and at the same time finish her M. L. degree at the "U." She accompanied a party of friends to the Yellowstone Park this past summer.

Caroline P. Sargent visited her Alma Mater at Swathmore in June and spent the summer visiting near Philadelphia. She returned home early in September and will teach in the Mechanic Arts High School, St. Paul.

'93. Gertrude Gibbs has finished her post graduate course in Chemistry at Cornell. She spent most of the summer at her home in Minneapolis. She will teach in the High School at Jamestown, N. D., this year.

'92. Madeliene Wallin has resigned her position at Smith and will spend part of the winter in Chicago attending the Armour Institute. Her engagement has been announced to Mr. George C. Sykes, '92, U. of M., who is editorial writer on the *Chicago Record*.

'91. Lillian Martin Soares and her husband, Rev. Theodore G. Soares, Ph.D., spent a portion of the summer in Tennessee, where Dr. Soares delivered a series of lectures upon Old Testament literature. Later they visited relatives and friends in Minneapolis and then returned to their home in Rockford, Ill., where Dr. Soares is pastor of the First Baptist Church.

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ALPHA CHAPTER.

**In Memoriam.**

WINONA SMYTHE.

Born Apr. 13, 1877.

Died Aug. 13, 1896.

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## EDITORIALS.

This number of the Journal has been delayed waiting for promised articles, for while some came to hand in accordance with our expectations others have not up to the present materialized, yet we hope to present part or all of these to our readers in some future number. The editors can only offer their apologies on behalf of the contributors that should have been, and say that they thought it best to sacrifice time rather than material.

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The chapters should be and undoubtedly are already preparing for the convention that will take place next fall. The only way to get the most out of a convention is to begin preparing for the next as soon as the one is over while one still has the advantage of the aroused enthusiasm and experience of the delegates. If throughout the year the points that the different chapters want to have discussed or settled by the convention are noted and talked over, then the delegate will come prepared to place the matter before her fellow delegates in the best way possible, will know exactly what the opinion of her chapter is upon the various questions to be submitted and will be able to reason and decide intelligently, a thing that can not be done impromptu. Above all let her come with her part of the business programme prepared in a businesslike way. The best leader that ever conducted a meeting will be unable to make the most of the time if those who should be ready to second her every effort, fail her simply from lack of proper preparation :—such preparation as she and everyone present has a right to expect and ask of the delegate. It is only after due preparation and instruction that she is at full liberty to use her own judgment at the convention. Study the constitu-

tion carefully, note every point that comes up during the year that seems to be a weak place in the organization or working of the fraternity, and let us try to have our business methods as perfect as it is possible to make them. Every member of the fraternity should feel it to be her duty to understand fully the business organization of the fraternity and to do everything in her power by careful attention to the details that come under her especial notice to perfect and keep it running smoothly.

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One of the reproaches most frequently directed against women is that they are as a rule notoriously unbusiness-like. Surely this is one of the mistakes that it is the part of the college woman to correct. Her advantages are so many and varied that if she makes use of them at all this will cease to be chargeable as a reproach. She may never become a great leader, the power to gain the interest and sympathy of and to move large numbers is not given to every one, but she can learn to conduct a meeting in a business-like way in accordance with established rules. When she can do this she will not be a burden to herself and every one else, and a hindrance to the execution of business when she has to take a part, however small, in business meetings. Most of us have suffered at some time or other from the incompetency or blunders of a leader who was either absolutely ignorant of parliamentary rules or who had no definite plan of her own or who lacked the courage to enforce either. A meeting conducted in such a way soon lapses into lifelessness and all healthy interest or enthusiasm speedily perishes. Perhaps these remarks apply rather to meetings other than fraternity.

The fault in fraternity meetings, if fault there be, is generally the result of too much enthusiasm or rather enthusiasm that forgets the existence of parliamentary rule and system. The result in either case is the same, the prompt execution of business is hindered and the purpose of the meeting perhaps entirely defeated. The Grand Presi-



dent in her letter printed in this number of the *Journal* suggests that the regular fraternity meetings be always conducted according to parliamentary rules. If any of the chapters have not been doing this they should consider the desirability of introducing the reform at once.

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The time seems hardly ripe for an animated discussion of non-secrecy. Its supporters are not yet sufficiently numerous nor enthusiastic to make a very serious effort to bring the matter before the fraternity as a whole and to convert those who either from principle or because it is the established order of things count themselves as advocates of secrecy. For this reason doubtless neither does the opposite side seem to feel the need of overwhelming their opponents with articles defending their position. They don't seem to fear any immediate change in the ancient order of things. The age of a custom does not necessarily add to its worth but neither does it make it antiquated or obsolete. Sentiment is a strong factor in the lives of all of us even the most practical. Custom and tradition appeal powerfully to us all and although age is not an argument for the inherent worth of any thing still customs and ideas that have had time to become deeply rooted and that are so closely connected with our lives while in college will hold their adherents with a force that it will be hard to overcome. The world has no right to ask that our every action should be open to it, indeed it would not be whether the fraternity should maintain its system of secrecy or not.

Would the abandonment of secrecy break down any of the barriers real or supposed that are assumed to exist between the Greek and the barbarian? Is not the rivalry just as keen between the non-secret as the secret fraternities? Do the members of the non-secret fraternity form any closer or truer friendships among the independents than do the members of the secret fraternity? And does the independent look upon the member of the non-secret fraternity with feelings of greater favor or equality than he can upon the

member of the secret fraternity? Or when the question is one of the relation of the fraternity to the independent does it not become simply a personal question that each chapter must settle for itself? Will the independent choose his friends among the members of the non-secret fraternity for no other reason than that of non-secrecy, or among those who feel that the fact of being bound together as a fraternity imposes obligations and responsibilities not only towards the members of one's own fraternity but toward all with whom one must come into contact? These are some of the questions that at once present themselves when one tries to consider the question from both sides. Of course the answers will differ in accordance with the differing conditions under which the various chapters live. The answers will be easy to give from the members of a chapter between whom and the independent there is always the best of good feeling and who at the small entertainments given to meet the new girls frequently number among their guests as many independents as freshmen. The answers from a chapter between which and the independents there is a constant feeling of antagonism will be essentially different and will in themselves suggest the remedy for such a condition.

There is no reason except that which will arise from individual causes that would be the same in any case, for the relations between fraternities or the fraternity and independent to be other than pleasant. There can be and are many friendships between fraternity members and independents in which both work together socially and intellectually and never for a moment consider the fraternity as a barrier between them. Certain business will necessarily always be kept secret whatever the plan of organization but there is no reason why this should have any unpleasant effect upon the outsider and if there is it is distinctly the result of a wrong attitude upon one side or the other.

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The notice of the resignation of Miss Sawyer as Grand Treasurer of K. A. Θ. comes to hand when the JOURNAL is



already in press, and too late to allow of more than a passing mention. Her retirement will be received with universal regret, in view of the ability and skill which she has shown, in filling a most difficult and responsible position, and the success with which she has accomplished the varied duties that fell to her share. As Miss Sawyer feels that other and more imperative responsibilities render it impossible for her to longer remain as our treasurer, we can only wish her an equal measure of success in the fulfillment of the duties of her remaining charge, and express for the fraternity the sincere thanks and gratitude which all must feel to be her due.

Miss Brown, President of Alpha District has been appointed to fill out her unexpired term. Fortunately she does not come to the place without experience having acceptably filled the same position before the election of Miss Sawyer.

## EXCHANGES.

### A CAMPAIGN.

New girl;  
Old tale;  
Rush, whirl,  
Wholesale.

Spreads, teas,  
By score;  
Calls, drives,  
Lots more.

New girl  
Colors wears;  
Rival frat  
Vengeance swears.

—*The Key*.

In the October number of *The Key*, from which this brief but expressive description of the welcome accorded the innocent freshman is taken, appears a suggestive article on what is in many places a vexed question, the attitude which a fraternity should assume with regard to class or college politics. The evil of pledging votes is often met with in college life, and when met with is always deplored by such fraternities as place honorable dealings between fraternities, and elections in which individual opinion and action count for more than fraternity combinations above the securing for their own members places upon electoral slate or class-day program. We quite agree with the writer in *The Key* who brands this evil as the "most frequent cause of discord in college life among the student body." From her article we quote as follows:

What is the most frequent cause of discord in college life among the student body? The one answer that comes off-recurring in my mind is—wire-pulling, in political parlance. Think it over, honestly and seriously, and see if you do not come to the same conclusion. At any rate it was so in my time, and judging from reports and the fact that human nature probably has not changed since that time, it must be so still.



Possibly the term wire-pulling may need some explanation. A very familiar example will suffice. A certain class is about to elect officers. Comes Mr. A.—“one of the nicest boys in college”—to Miss B. and says, “The other faction have a slate all ready for the election, and we (faction No. 2) are depending upon your help to frustrate their plans, etc., etc.” What need to say more? We all know what Miss B.’s answer is likely to be, and moreover, which faction the deciding vote will favor. We foresee, too, the stormy class meeting when the scheming comes into evidence.

Fraternities are peculiarly liable to become either manipulators or victims of “wire-pulling”,—chiefly because they usually act in unity; and, I believe, women’s fraternities are most liable of all to be the victims, because—let us leave that subject untouched, lest I bring upon myself a volley of remonstrances.

It might be added that in the long run the tendency which leads the members of a certain fraternity to cast a unanimous vote on some subject of class politics, regardless of what the individual convictions of the members may be, or would be were they not subordinated to the desire to have the fraternity represented on whatever ticket is to be elected, defeats its own purpose. It is a familiar fact that while a fraternity which is not content to be represented on various committees and tickets only when its candidate is the “best man for the place” but constantly intrigues to secure such representation may for a time be successful, but in the end the sentiment of the better element of the class or college, which when students once begin to think, is also the sentiment of the majority, is roused against the offending chapter. Aside from the right or wrong of the case, the question is important, for the employment of anything but straightforward, honorable methods in either politics or inter-fraternity dealing cannot help but react against the chapter which offends. *The Key* is not the only magazine which has taken up this matter. Under the title of “Chapter Intriguing” a writer in the *Caduceus of Kappa Sigma* deals with the same question. We make a short extract from his article.

That fraternity whose chapters are all laboring zealously and faithfully to promote true college fellowship and real

fraternal brotherhood is the fraternity which most highly commends itself to the world at large. No true fraternity man, therefore, can fail to appreciate the necessity of generosity, charity, and liberality in all the doings of a chapter, and likewise can fail to foresee the danger from engaging in questionable and underhand schemes and plots to attain what is really a false supremacy. There is no doubt that this struggle to lead regardless of methods is a danger to be guarded against. Isolated cases of a chapter thus acting have at times appeared. To the thoughtful fraternity man who surveys with an impartial eye the activities of the Greek world in any one of our colleges this spirit of intriguing is the most patent violation of fraternity precepts and the surest harbinger of chapter deterioration. It is the greatest menace to that inter-fraternity comity which marks the only practical kind of Pan-Hellenism.

To yet another fraternity does this question of the fraternity in politics appeal. In the exchange department of the *Anchora* this article from the *Caduceus* is quoted and commented upon. But the *Anchora* takes a hopeful view and is sure that the evil it deplores is on the wane. It says:

The inconsistency between the principles and practices of fraternities has always been the source of deep regret among right-minded Greeks, and the occasion of much criticism from hostile outsiders. In many chapters methods have been employed and are still resorted to, which deserve and receive nothing but condemnation from all who honor their fraternity. With the growth of competition these evils have gradually and insidiously developed, and in the excitement of the rushing season, their real significance may sometimes have been overlooked. But we believe that a more healthful feeling is beginning to prevail among fraternity people, and that to-day, most fraternities would be glad to co-operate to do away with all pernicious practices.

Another question which is always of interest is the number of members which can be admitted to the active chapter of a fraternity without destroying or lessening some of the benefits of chapter life. In *The Kappa Alpha Journal* for May this question is treated in an article from which we quote:

Let us remember that every man has a work to do, as an individual and as a member of society, for the good of man-



kind. With most of us, this labor begins as one of a college fraternity, for there we first pledge ourselves to carry ethical ideals into our ordinary walks of life. Crude as our early ideas may have been, and but indifferently carried out, the fact remains that the step was taken. That greater success may attend our efforts, it is advisable that we secure what aid we can. We seek, therefore, to increase our strength by adding the counsel and love of others of like disposition in the college fraternity, and of like willingness to adapt themselves to and appreciate the lessons taught. It is manifest that our success is dependent on the degree of harmony attained.

We measure the strength of human institutions not so much by the number and size of the parts as by the cohesion thereof; not so much by the creatures composing as by the spirit with which they are infused. The serious danger to our establishments, whether of social, moral or political nature, lies within rather than without. Unless incoherence be manifested within, attack from without must be ineffectual.

It is impossible to maintain an unwieldy chapter in good working order. Twelve to fifteen in a well patronized institution forms a stable working chapter, which may be increased in presence of abundant good material to twenty or twenty-two with but little danger of disturbance. Whatever may be the experience of fraternities in gigantic universities of the North and East, it is well for us not to pass the twenty-five limit.

The active membership of a chapter varies according to the fraternity and the college. In large institutions where there is much desirable material to choose members from it is difficult to know where to draw the line. Even then it seems better to keep the chapter rather small. The strength of a chapter comes largely from the way in which its members work together. Harmony and a pleasant feeling of fellowship are much more likely to be found in a chapter of twenty than in one of thirty members, for in the smaller chapter there will be a more intimate acquaintance between the different members. The argument which is sometimes urged that with a large chapter it is much easier to afford a chapter house should not weigh in the matter.

Having treated fraternity membership from the point of

view of quantity, *The Kappa Alpha Journal* passes in its September number to the consideration of quality.

The average chapter considers itself "in fine trim" when its numerical strength has reached what it considers average proportions. How many are aware of the fact that a dozen regular four-year men is a more substantial and in every way more desirable body, than twenty-five regulars, irregulars and professionals? In the first place, the regular student is identified with the body proper of the institution; secondly, he is in the chapter twice as long: hence his enthusiasm is much more mature and profound. We seriously question whether one man in fifty can acquire a sufficient depth of zeal to make him a "life member" in a two-years' membership. Then, too, the average professional student is not actively identified with the college body politic, and is calculated to be lukewarm and a block to the unity of interest so essential. To anticipate substantial success, every chapter should look to building itself upon the four-year departments, and should avoid the initiation of outsiders except in extraordinary cases. At least five good freshmen should be taken annually, who should be encouraged and coached by the older members into realizing the importance of pursuing a regular course of study with a degree in view.

A "balanced" chapter then, is an harmonious admingling of the most desirable material, and without a predominant element. Too much "sporting blood," too much athletics, a superfluity of ultra Y. M. C. A., or an overplus of "the grind," makes a one-sided affair, and a strongly predominant faction is likely at any time to assert itself at the expense of harmony. Have your chapter properly seasoned with every legitimate leaven in college life, but equally as sure to keep them balanced.

Another question which merits and receives much discussion is that of the chapter house. This matter finds a place in three of the magazines which have come to our desk. In *The Key* for April there is an article upon "The Advantages and Disadvantages of Chapter House Life." In the July number of *The Arrow*, "The Chapter House Question" is treated of. *The Kappa Alpha Journal* for September has an editorial on the same subject.

*The Trident* for May contains an interesting description of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. We quote part of the article:



College women were quick to recognize the fact that organized effort can accomplish more than the separate endeavors of individuals, however earnest and persevering they may be. To gain the benefit which comes from organization, the Association of Collegiate Alumnae was formed. The Association, which now numbers nearly two thousand, has branches in Washington, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit, Duluth, Pittsburg, Kansas City, St. Louis, and Los Angeles; also in the eastern, central and western parts of New York state, in Ohio, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Indiana, Minnesota and California.

Naturally such an organization concerns itself first of all with the advancement of higher education for women. It supports fellowships both in this country and abroad. Holders of the association fellowships have, in some cases, been instrumental in breaking down the barriers to woman's higher education in German universities. The association has also interested itself in the public schools of the country, paying especial attention to the sanitary condition of the buildings, and to the appointment of suitable school trustees. Another line of activity has been the study of the development of children. Surely collegebred mothers ought to be the best of all mothers. Another steady effort of the Alumnae association has been to raise the standard of collegiate education in existing institutions.

Turning from the consideration of the general work of the association, to that of a single branch, we find in Washington one whose work has been somewhat influenced by its location in the national capital. Such a branch is especially interested in legislation affecting women. Its present duty is to keep close watch upon the progress of the bill for the establishment of the National University. This university aims to be the capstone of the whole educational system of America, to be to John Hopkins, Cornell, Chicago, Ann Arbor, what those universities are to the preparatory schools. It hopes to be the means of bringing about greater uniformity in the standards and requirements of our colleges and universities. Of course college women want every door of such an institution wide open to women. The Washington branch also attempted to maintain a night school for working girls. Such of the members who taught in day schools, generously gave time and labor toward the success of the effort. Its failure was due to the lack of a sufficient number of girls of a class to profit by such instruction. In large manufacturing centers, however, like Boston, Philadelphia, New York and Chicago, such an effort ought to meet with success.